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FOR REPLACING NATURAL JOINTS

LETTER RE PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2000, applicant proposes to amend Figures 2 and 9 of the application drawings as shown in red on the attached photocopies.

In Figure 2, subscripts "1" and "2" are being added to each of the reference letters "D".

In Figure 9, the reference numeral "9" is being changed to "10" to be consistent with the description in the specification and the other drawings.

After approval of the drawing changes by the Examiner, corrected formal drawings will be submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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